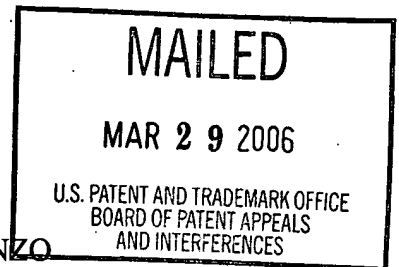


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte: SHANKAR SAHAI and DANIEL DANTE LORENZO



Application No. 09/614,867

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on January 30, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

A Reply Brief in response to the Examiner's Answer dated September 21, 2005, was filed on November 25, 2005. There is no indication on the record that the Reply Brief was considered or acknowledged by the examiner. A written communication notifying appellant of the Examiner's receipt and consideration of the Reply Brief is required.

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Accordingly, it is

Ordered that the application is returned to the Examiner for

- 1) acknowledgment and consideration of the Reply Brief; and
- 2) for any further action as may be appropriate.

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